

**Table 7. Emergency Department Visit Rates per 100 population [by Patient Race and Selected Characteristics], United States, 2007-2008**

| <b>Patient Characteristics</b>            | <b>Unweighted Sample Size</b> | <b>Number Visits</b> | <b>Standard Error (in thousands)</b> | <b>Visit Rate (per 100 persons)</b> | <b>Standard Error of Rate</b> |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>All Races</b>                          | 69,624                        | 240,563              | 9,048                                | 40.4                                | 1.5                           |
| <b>..Age</b>                              |                               |                      |                                      |                                     |                               |
| ....0-17 years                            | 15,367                        | 54,772               | 3,243                                | 37.1                                | 2.2                           |
| ....18-44 years                           | 28,877                        | 98,169               | 4,018                                | 44.5                                | 1.8                           |
| ....45-64 years                           | 15,023                        | 50,827               | 1,921                                | 33.1                                | 1.3                           |
| ....65 years and over                     | 10,357                        | 36,796               | 1,424                                | 50.1                                | 1.9                           |
| <b>..Sex</b>                              |                               |                      |                                      |                                     |                               |
| ....Female                                | 37,357                        | 130,190              | 5,007                                | 42.9                                | 1.6                           |
| ....Male                                  | 32,267                        | 110,374              | 4,161                                | 37.9                                | 1.4                           |
| <b>..Location</b>                         |                               |                      |                                      |                                     |                               |
| ....Within Metropolitan Statistical Area  | 60,685                        | 201,809              | 9,426                                | 40.4                                | 1.9                           |
| ....Outside Metropolitan Statistical Area | 8,939                         | 38,755               | 3,724                                | 40.5                                | 3.9                           |
| <b>White</b>                              | 48,830                        | 174,576              | 8,240                                | 36.7                                | 1.7                           |
| <b>..Age</b>                              |                               |                      |                                      |                                     |                               |
| ....0-17 years                            | 10,235                        | 37,943               | 2,524                                | 33.8                                | 2.2                           |
| ....18-44 years                           | 19,636                        | 69,172               | 3,611                                | 39.9                                | 2.1                           |
| ....45-64 years                           | 10,542                        | 36,863               | 1,851                                | 29.0                                | 1.5                           |
| ....65 years and over                     | 8,417                         | 30,599               | 1,431                                | 48.0                                | 2.2                           |
| <b>..Sex</b>                              |                               |                      |                                      |                                     |                               |
| ....Female                                | 25,858                        | 93,271               | 4,558                                | 38.7                                | 1.9                           |
| ....Male                                  | 22,972                        | 81,305               | 3,782                                | 34.6                                | 1.6                           |

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|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Black or African-American</b>           | 17,066                        | 56,855               | 3,710                                | 75.8                                | 4.9                           |
| <b>..Age</b>                               |                               |                      |                                      |                                     |                               |
| ....0-17 years                             | 4,155                         | 14,145               | 1,300                                | 62.9                                | 5.8                           |
| ....18-44 years                            | 7,746                         | 25,426               | 1,664                                | 87.0                                | 5.7                           |
| ....45-64 years                            | 3,704                         | 12,175               | 900                                  | 71.5                                | 5.3                           |
| ....65 years and over                      | 1,461                         | 5,109                | 458                                  | 81.8                                | 7.3                           |
| <b>..Sex</b>                               |                               |                      |                                      |                                     |                               |
| ....Female                                 | 9,466                         | 32,014               | 2,187                                | 79.7                                | 5.4                           |
| ....Male                                   | 7,600                         | 24,840               | 1,603                                | 71.4                                | 4.6                           |
| <b>Asian</b>                               | 2,030                         | 4,689                | 608                                  | 17.5                                | 2.3                           |
| <b>..Age</b>                               |                               |                      |                                      |                                     |                               |
| ....0-17 years                             | 465                           | 1,246                | 177                                  | 20.3                                | 2.9                           |
| ....18-44 years                            | 789                           | 1,769                | 206                                  | 15.1                                | 1.8                           |
| ....45-64 years                            | 451                           | 982                  | 178                                  | 15.2                                | 2.8                           |
| ....65 years and over                      | 325                           | 692                  | 164                                  | 27.6                                | 6.5                           |
| <b>..Sex</b>                               |                               |                      |                                      |                                     |                               |
| ....Female                                 | 1,079                         | 2,406                | 324                                  | 17.4                                | 2.3                           |
| ....Male                                   | 951                           | 2,283                | 305                                  | 17.6                                | 2.4                           |
| <b>Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander</b> | 456                           | 1,078                | 313                                  | 99.7                                | 29.0                          |
| <b>..Age</b>                               |                               |                      |                                      |                                     |                               |
| ....0-17 years                             | 109                           | 238                  | 64                                   | 74.5                                | 20.2                          |
| ....18-44 years                            | 191                           | 524                  | 148                                  | 110.3                               | 31.3                          |
| ....45-64 years                            | 100                           | * 215                | 89                                   | * 99.1                              | 41.0                          |
| ....65 years and over                      | 56                            | * 101                | 46                                   | * 144.8                             | 65.9                          |
| <b>..Sex</b>                               |                               |                      |                                      |                                     |                               |
| ....Female                                 | 244                           | 610                  | 166                                  | 113.6                               | 31.0                          |
| ....Male                                   | 212                           | * 468                | 157                                  | * 86                                | 28.8                          |

**Table 7. Emergency Department Visit Rates per 100 population [by Patient Race and Selected Characteristics], United States, 2007-2008**

| Patient Characteristics                  | Unweighted Sample Size | Number Visits | Standard Error (in thousands) | Visit Rate (per 100 persons) | Standard Error of Rate |
|--|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>American Indian or Alaskan Native</b> | 570                    | 2,027         | 601                           | 34.3                         | 10.2                   |
| <b>..Age</b>                             |                        |               |                               |                              |                        |
| ....0-17 years                           | 192                    | * 711         | 266                           | * 40.2                       | 15.1                   |
| ....18-44 years                          | 225                    | 800           | 212                           | 32.9                         | 8.7                    |
| ....45-64 years                          | 104                    | 345           | 101                           | 26.7                         | 7.9                    |
| ....65 years and over                    | 49                     | 171           | 50                            | 39.9                         | 11.7                   |
| <b>..Sex</b>                             |                        |               |                               |                              |                        |
| ....Female                               | 322                    | * 1107        | 334                           | * 37.1                       | 11.2                   |
| ....Male                                 | 248                    | 920           | 273                           | 31.4                         | 9.3                    |
| <b>Multiple Races</b>                    | 672                    | * 1,339       | 417                           | * 13.5                       | 4.2                    |
| <b>..Age</b>                             |                        |               |                               |                              |                        |
| ....0-17 years                           | 211                    | * 490         | 160                           | * 10.6                       | 3.5                    |
| ....18-44 years                          | 290                    | 480           | 142                           | 14.1                         | 4.2                    |
| ....45-64 years                          | 122                    | * 246         | 96                            | * 17.2                       | 6.7                    |
| ....65 years and over                    | 49                     | * 124         | 40                            | * 24.8                       | 8.1                    |
| <b>..Sex</b>                             |                        |               |                               |                              |                        |
| ....Female                               | 388                    | * 782         | 269                           | * 15.5                       | 5.3                    |
| ....Male                                 | 284                    | 557           | 156                           | 11.4                         | 3.2                    |

\*Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

U.S. Census Bureau estimated civilian noninstitutional population on July 1, 2007 and July 1, 2008.

Race data were missing for 15.5% of total visits included in this table. Missing race data were imputed, and standard errors were inflated as described in '2007 NAMCS Microdata File Documentation' [ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health\\_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset\\_Documentation](ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset_Documentation).

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey

Note: For general information about survey methodology, reliability of estimates, and other technical information, readers can refer to the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey: 2006 Emergency Department Summary (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhsr/nhsr007.pdf>).

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